



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 243**

January Session, 2009

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**AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING IN PAIN MANAGEMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-521 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 As used in this section and sections 19a-522 to 19a-534a, inclusive,  
4 19a-536 to 19a-539, inclusive, [and] 19a-550 to 19a-554, inclusive, and  
5 19a-562a, as amended by this act, unless the context otherwise  
6 requires: "Nursing home facility" means any nursing home or  
7 residential care home as defined in section 19a-490 or any rest home  
8 with nursing supervision which provides, in addition to personal care  
9 required in a residential care home, nursing supervision under a  
10 medical director twenty-four hours per day, or any chronic and  
11 convalescent nursing home which provides skilled nursing care under  
12 medical supervision and direction to carry out nonsurgical treatment  
13 and dietary procedures for chronic diseases, convalescent stages, acute  
14 diseases or injuries; "department" means the Department of Public  
15 Health and "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health  
16 or the commissioner's designated representative.

17 Sec. 2. Section 19a-562a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

19     (a) Each nursing home facility that is not an Alzheimer's special care  
 20     unit or program shall annually provide a minimum of two hours of  
 21     training in pain recognition and administration of pain management  
 22     techniques to all licensed and registered direct care staff and nurse's  
 23     aides who provide direct patient care to residents.

24     [(a)] (b) Each Alzheimer's special care unit or program shall  
 25     annually provide Alzheimer's and dementia specific training to all  
 26     licensed and registered direct care staff and nurse's aides who provide  
 27     direct patient care to residents enrolled in the Alzheimer's special care  
 28     unit or program. Such requirements shall include, but not be limited  
 29     to, (1) not less than eight hours of dementia-specific training, which  
 30     shall be completed not later than six months after the date of  
 31     employment and not less than eight hours of such training annually  
 32     thereafter, and (2) annual training of not less than two hours in pain  
 33     recognition and administration of pain management techniques for  
 34     direct care staff.

35     [(b)] (c) Each Alzheimer's special care unit or program shall  
 36     annually provide a minimum of one hour of Alzheimer's and dementia  
 37     specific training to all unlicensed and unregistered staff, except nurse's  
 38     aides, who provide services and care to residents enrolled in the  
 39     Alzheimer's special care unit or program. For such staff hired on or  
 40     after October 1, 2007, such training shall be completed not later than  
 41     six months after the date of employment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2009	19a-521
Sec. 2	July 1, 2009	19a-562a

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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In section 2(a), the phrase "of training" was added for clarity and consistency.

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